

On page 4, lines 34 and 35 of the German text, reference was made to an article from Applied Physics Letters, Vol. 71 (Tang et al); to European 0 822 603 and to U.S. Patent No. 5,677,572. Copies of these three references are attached herewith, and it is submitted that the specification distinguishes the claims over the teachings of these three references.

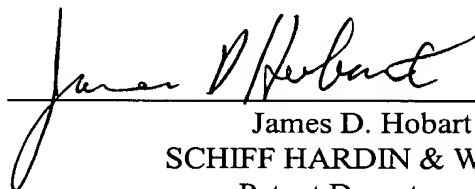
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On page 5, lines 3 and 4 of the German text, reference was made to an article from Applied Physics Letters, Vol. 73 (Jabbour et al). A copy of this reference is also attached, and it is submitted that the specification distinguishes the claims over the teachings of this reference.

5 On page 7, lines 11 and 12 of the German text, reference was made to pages 58-72 from a German-Language handbook as providing examples of known complex salts and methods for producing these salts. A copy of these pages from the German-Language handbook are attached herewith.

10 The final reference, EP 0 869 701, was cited in the International Search Report dated July 26, 2000 in Category X.

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